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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: VANCOUVER PRESS COMMENTS ON
SECRETARY KISSINGERS AFRICA TRIP

1. VANCOUVER SUN APRIL 27 EDITORIAL, "DR.KISSINGER S
SAFARI", SAYS KISSINGER HAS PURSUED "CURIOSLY
ASYMMETRICAL PATTERN OF POLICIES" SINCE HE BECAME
SECRETARY OF STATE BY NEGLECTING DEVELOPMENTS IN LATIN
AMERICA AND SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. HIS CURRENT AFRICA TRIP
APPEARS TO BE "A HASTILY ORGANIZED FENCE MENDING SAFARI".
THE MAIN PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP IS NOT MEDIATION BUT RESTORATION
OF AMERICAN CREDIBILITY LOST BY EVENTS IN ANGOLA.
STRONG STATEMENT BY KISSINGER ON RHODESIA WOULD INDICATE
U.S. "HAS LEARNED LESSONS OF ANGOLA."

2. IN SIMILAR VEIN, APRIL 28 EDITORIAL IN VANCOUVER PROVINCE SAYS
KISSINGER STATEMENTS ON RHODESIA "TOLD BLACK AFRICA WHAT IT
WANTS TO HEAR, THAT THE U.S. IS COMMITTED TO OUSTING IAN SMITH
AND HIS REBELS IN RHODESIA....KISSINGERS SPEECH PLEDGING
"UNRELENTING OPPOSITION" TO THE WHITE MINORITY REGIME IN
RHODESIA SHOULD SATISFY THE MODERATE AFRICAN LEADERS THAT
THE U.S. IS FINALLY ON THE RIGHT TRACK". EDITORIAL
CONTINUES THAT KISSINGER IS NOT ONLY WARNING RHODESIA
BUT TELLING SOUTH AFRICA THAT APARTHEID IS DOOMED AND
URGING TIMETABLE FOR NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE. EDITORIAL

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SPECULATES PRESIDENT FOR MAY NOT WANT TO ALIENATE VOTERS

IN U.S. SOUTH BY "BEING TOO NASTY TO THODESIA" AND PERHAPS
KISSINGER MAY PLACATE SOUTHERN VOTERS WITH MORE WARNINGS
TO RUSSIA AND CUBA, WHICH WOULD BE SELF DEFEATING.

3. EDITORIALS BEING SENT TO USIS OTTAWA. BURGOON

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